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PRIORITY 1177 NOVEMBER 2, 7 PM

EYES ONLY STEVENSON AND MCCLOY.

RE: DEPTTEL 1159 AND USUN 1604.

THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
BE CLARIFIED SOONEST IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS:

1. WE MUST, AS SET FORTH PARA 7 DEPTTEL 1159, TIE DOWN
SOVIETS TO INCLUSION OF IL-28S AMONG OFFENSIVE WEAPONS TO BE
REMOVED. YOUR LETTER TO MIKOYAN (USUN 1606) WAS GOOD MOVE THIS
REGARD. FYI AS YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY'S RECONNAISSANCE WAS
INCONCLUSIVE ON WHETHER SOVS TAKING ANY STEPS DISASSEMBLE AND
CRATE IL-28S. END FYI.

2. PRESIDENT CONSIDERS KHRUSHCHEV'S COMMITMENT TO UN VERIFICATION
ON THE GROUND AS BINDING AND INTEGRAL PART OF UNDER-
STANDING ON WHICH IT IS SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY TO DELIVER OR
PROVIDE SUBSTITUTE ACCEPTABLE TO US. IF SOVIETS NOT ABLE
CARRY OUT THIS COMMITMENT FOR UN INSPECTION ON GROUND, A
LESS SATISFACTORY BUT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE THEIR
MAKING AVAILABLE TO ICRC MANIFESTS OF WEAPONS TOGETHER WITH
SUFFICIENT ICRC INSPECTION OF OUTBOUND VESSELS TO PERMIT ICRC
CERTIFY ACCURACY OF SUCH MANIFESTS.

3. SOVIETS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE WE ARE SUFFICIENTLY
SATISFIED AS TO CHARACTER OF CARGOS SOVIET VESSELS NOW IN
VICINITY QUARANTINE AREA AND THEREFORE WILLING TO PERMIT THEM
TO PASS UNDER HAIL PROCEDURES OF WHICH YOU HAVE INFORMED
KUZNETSOV, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE SUCH A
PROCEDURE FOR VESSELS OF TYPE THAT HAVE IN PAST CARRIED
OFFENSIVE WEAPONS AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE
SUCH WEAPONS. THEREFORE, SUCH VESSELS SHOULD NOT SEEK ENTER
QUARANTINE AREA UNTIL ICRC PROCEDURES ARE IN EFFECT UNLESS
THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT US INSPECTION.

4. PRESIDENT ALSO VERY MUCH HAS IN MIND THAT HIS EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS WITH KHRUSHCHEV CONTEMPLATES THAT, AFTER COMPLETION
REMOVAL PRESENT WEAPONS, CONTINUING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE
REQUIRED TO ASSURE AGAINST REINTRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS
INTO CUBA (SEE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 27 TO KHRUSHCHEV).
IF THE ICRC ARRANGEMENT IS NOT KEPT IN PLACE AND THE CUBANS
WILL NOT COOPERATE, SOME OTHER MEASURES WILL HAVE TO BE
DEvised. SUCH MEASURES PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN VIEW DOMESTIC
PROBLEM. USG IS PREPARED TO FACE WITH RESPECT ITS UNDER-
TAKINGS ON INVASION. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT YOU
IN THIS REGARD. RUSK

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